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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
(Works Branch)

NOTIFICATION

The 19th February, 2025

No. WR-IRWR03/1/2023-IW1/595.—Policy regarding granting NOC for allowing Construction of bridges/ramps on canals/drains and Temporary Use of Government Land.

Objective: The objective of the Policy is-

- (i) To lay down specific policy guidelines prescribing a uniform procedure to be adopted and the charges to be levied from the Project Proponent seeking NOC for allowing Construction of bridges/ramps on canals/drains and Temporary Use of Government Land from Department of Water Resources;
- (ii) To ensure that NOC is issued in transparent and legal manner by the Department of Water Resources.

1. Introduction:

- a. This policy may be called the Policy regarding Granting NOC for Allowing Construction of Bridges/Ramps on canals/drains and Temporary Use of Government Land.
- b. It shall come into force from the date of Notification in the official gazette.

2. Definitions:

- a. In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (i). “Bank” means the land available with the department adjacent to canal/drain/river.
 - (ii). “Chief Engineer” means the Chief Engineer, Canals or Drainage as the case may be, of Water Resources Department, Punjab
 - (iii). “Collector rate”, also known as the circle rate means rate fixed by the Revenue Department of land and property used for various administrative and taxation purposes.

- (iv). “Executive Engineer” means the Executive Engineer Canals or Drainage as the case may be, of Water Resources Department, Punjab
- (v). “Government” means the Government of Punjab in the Department of Water Resources.
- (vi). “Permanent Construction” means structures and facilities designed and built for long-term use.
- (vii). “Portal” means the web-portal designed for dealing of such cases by the Department of Water Resources.
- (viii). “Private Entity” means an organization owned and operated by private individuals or groups, not affiliated with or operated by the government.
- (ix). “Project Proponent” means the individual, organization, or entity that seeks NOC or initiates or sponsors, and is responsible for the development and implementation of Project
- (x). “Superintending Engineer” means the Superintending Engineer, Canals or Drainage as the case may be, of Water Resources Department, Punjab.
- (xi). “Temporary Use” means constructions not intended to be permanent, including roads and their appurtenant works, parks, walkways, and other structures, as certified by the Executive Engineer of the Water Resources Department.
- b. The words and expressions used but not defined in this Policy, but defined in various irrigation or water resources related laws in the State, shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in those laws. In case of any doubt, Chief Engineer shall be the final authority.

3. **Applicability:**

- a. This policy addresses the issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOC) for the construction of bridges/ramps on canals/drains, as well as the temporary use of government land. The issuance of NOCs for the laying of pipelines shall be dealt by a separate policy already notified by the government.
- b. The policy would be effective from the date of its notification in official Gazette of Punjab Government and supersedes all previous instructions/directions/notifications issued from time to time in this regard.

4. **Application Procedure:**

a. **Common Procedure:**

- i. The Project Proponent shall apply online in the application Performa along with required documents as per the Notification issued by the Government from time to time.
- ii. The application must be submitted with the processing fee as stipulated under this Policy. The facilitation charges, as determined by this Policy, shall be payable prior to the issuance of the NOC.
- iii. The processing fees (non-refundable) of Rs. 25,000/-, shall be submitted through online portal or in the shape of Bank Draft in favour of the Chief Engineer, Head Quarter Department of Water Resources payable at Head Office, Chandigarh.

b. **In case of Bridges for Agriculture use**

- (i) The Project Proponent will be required to obtain a Resolution from village panchayat endorsing the proposed bridge/road. In order to avoid multiple applications from one village, endorsement from Panchayat is mandatory, so that bridge may be approved at ideal location only.
- (ii) The Project Proponent will also be required to obtain approval from the District Expert Committee notified by the Government vide Notification No-WR-IRWR 03/1/2023-IW1/2535 dated 05/07/2024 or as notified by Government from time to time.

(iii)The application will be submitted on portal after getting the resolution approved from panchayat and expert committee approval.

c. Rejection of applications:

Incomplete applications will be rejected. Processing fees shall not be returned in such events.

5 Schedule of Charges:

a. For Bridges (Road/Railways), Foot bridges including Ramps and other allied works connected to bridges:

i. Facilitation Charges:

Usage	Clear span of Bridge	Connection with type of Road	Charges
Any Purpose other than Agriculture	< 15 Feet	National Highway or State Highway	Rs. 8 Lakhs
		Major district Road and Other District Road	Rs. 5 Lakhs
		Rural Road	Rs. 3.5 Lakhs
	> 15 Feet	National Highway or State Highway	Rs. 16 Lakhs
		Major district Road and Other District Road	Rs. 10 Lakhs
		Rural Road	Rs. 7 Lakhs
For Railway Bridges	For all Railway Bridges irrespective of span	NA	Rs.16 Lakhs

ii. If the connecting road is Katcha (Un-metaleed road), it will be considered as Rural Road.

iii. The facilitation charge shall be calculated as per clear span of bridge as illustrated in figure attached in Annexure 'A'.

iv. Bridges used exclusively for agricultural and religious purposes are exempted from above applicable charges.

v. The above charges are for single bridge. It will be multiplied by the number of bridges in case more than one bridge is required.

vi. The above charges are inclusive of construction of ramps along with bridges.

b. For Construction of Ramps for Approach on Canal/Drains Banks

In cases where only permission for construction of ramp is sought to provide connectivity to adjacent colony/ factory/ industry/ house/commercial or non-commercial facility /land etc., one time facilitation charges shall be levied, as under: -

i. Facilitation Charges:-

Connection with type of Road	Charges
National Highway/State Highway/ Major district Road and Other District Road	100,000/-
Rural Road	50,000/-

ii. If the connecting road is Katcha (Un-metaleed road), it will be considered as Rural Road.

iii. The Project Proponent at his/her own cost shall maintain the length of road (link road) from property of the Project Proponent to the existing government road.

- iv. Where the construction of ramp provides access to a metaled road, in addition to b (i) above, the Project Proponent shall construct metaled road of a 'Class of loading' matching to the existing road.

Provided that the approval for ramp shall be accorded only after the construction of the link road.

- v. Where ramp is to be constructed on an abandoned Canal where public (Government) road has been constructed; same charges shall be levied as mentioned in Para b(i) above.
- vi. Ramps used exclusively for agricultural and religious purposes are exempted from above applicable charges.

- c. **For Temporary Use of Government Land:** In case permission is sought for Temporary Use of Government Land, the following charges will be levied:-

Sr. No	Description	Fee/ Charges	Remarks
1.	Bank guarantee	@ 10 % of the collector rate of departmental land involved subject to minimum ₹100,000/-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid for completion period + 1 month Refundable subject to the satisfaction of engineer in charge Non-interest-bearing amount
2.	Facilitation Charges	@ 30 % of the collector rate (Collector rate Up to 25 lacs per Acre) of departmental land involved subject to minimum of ₹50,000/-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non -refundable
		@ 20 % of the collector rate (Collector rate from 25 lacs to 75 lacs per Acre) of departmental land involved subject to minimum of ₹1,00,000/-	
		@ 12.5 % of the collector rate (Collector rate above 75 lakhs) of departmental land involved subject to minimum of ₹1,00,000/-	

- i. Private entity shall be bound to pay compensation charges for Right of Use in addition to the above charges i.e. @ 200% of the facilitation charges, irrespective of cost of land which shall be non-refundable. An example of the calculation is given at Annexure-B.
- ii. The proposal for Temporary Use of Government Land may include construction of Ramps, separate charges for Ramps shall not be levied in such cases.
- iii. Resettlement/Relocation of any structure of the Department of Water Resources affected by the proposed project will be borne completely (including Cost, NOCs, etc.) by the Project Proponent which shall be a part of agreement as notified by Government.
- iv. The purpose of Application shall remain same for which the original NOC sought and shall not be altered in future. In case any discrepancy is noticed, the NOC shall be cancelled after giving a notice but without any compensation to the Project Proponent.
- v. All the State Departments/Boards/Corporations/Central Government Departments Authorities/ Public Sector Undertakings (PSU), etc. will have to pay both bank guarantee and facilitation charges.
- vi. In case of development of public infrastructure/beautification where the request received from NGOs/ Registered Public Welfare Organisations, various charges will be decided by Government.
- vii. The Project Proponent shall furnish a Bank Guarantee in favor of the Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department (WRD). In case the Project is not completed in the scheduled

time, the Bank Guarantee shall be renewed/got extended by the Project Proponent corresponding to the revised completion period + 1Month. The Project Proponent shall obtain formal permission for time-extension from the Executive Engineer.

- viii. Where the Project Proponent fails to meet his performance obligations within the agreed time-frame, the Executive Engineer may en-cash the Bank Guarantee and undertakes restoration of the site on its own, at the risk and cost of the Project Proponent.

- d. The Project Proponent shall ensure proper maintenance of Bridges, Ramps and Roads and its appurtenant works during its life span.

6. Departmental Charges for works undertaken by Water Resources Department:

In case the Project Proponent desires to get the work done from Water Resources Department, departmental charges @ 10% on estimated cost of work with rate prevalent at the time of execution of work shall be charged in addition to cost of work.

7. Processing of applications

- a. Application shall be accepted only through online portal in accordance with Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be issued by the Government.
- b. After acceptance/ approval of the proposal by the Competent Authority, an Agreement (which will be notified by the Government) shall be executed by the concerned Executive Engineer on behalf of Department of Water Resources with Project Proponent. The signed agreement shall be uploaded on Departmental Portal.
- c. An Agreement with the Department shall be executed within 15 days from the date of issue of NOC (including approval of GAD if any). The Project Proponent will be able to commence execution of works, only after signing of the Agreement.
- d. Permission granted to the Project Proponent under this policy will not be transferable. Further, the permission will be applicable only for the period for which it has been granted.
- e. Once the permission is granted, the Project Proponent shall be obligated to commence construction within 6 months from the date of sanction of such permission, or in accordance with the work plan approved by the concerned Executive Engineer, Department of Water Resources, taking into account the canal closure for safety reasons. Any request for an extension shall be subject to evaluation and approval by the field Executive Engineer, Department of Water Resources, based on justification/reasoning provided by the Project Proponent.
- f. Applications which are incomplete will be rejected as per clause 4 (c), a 21-day deadline is mandated for rectifying deficiencies; failure will lead to removal of application from the portal, necessitating a fresh application with repayment of processing fees if any.

8. Competent Authority

a. For Approvals for Bridges

- i. The competent authority for approval of Bridges (including Foot bridges)/Ramps and other allied works connected to bridges is concerned Chief Engineer.

Provided that for a bridge proposed within 500 meters on either side of an existing/approved bridge, the facilitation charges mentioned in Para 5 (a) shall be increased by 50%, permission in such case shall be obtained from the committee constituted of the following officers: -

1. Principal Secretary, WRD
2. Chief Engineer/Canals
3. Chief Engineer/Drainage

- Chairman
- Member Secretary
- Member

4. Financial Commissioner, Forest/Representative Member
5. Administrative Secretary, PWD (B&R)/Representative Member
6. Any other member required, if any.

The Committee shall meet, as and when required.

b. For Approvals of Ramps:

The competent authority for approval for construction of only Ramps for approach on canal/drain Banks is concerned Chief Engineer.

c. For Temporary Use of Government Land:

The Competent Authority for approval for Temporary Use of Government Land will be as follow:

Type of structure	Project Proponent	Accepting/Rejecting Authority
1. Paving of road 2. Widening& metalling of existing metalled Road	State/Departments, Corporations/ Boards/ Authorities, Central Government departments/ Corporations/ Boards/ Authorities/ Public Sector Undertakings (PSU), Private Entities, NGOs/ Registered Public Welfare Organisations, 'Other category'.	Chief Engineer Canals/Drainage
3. Any Temporary Use that involves use of department land	State/Central Government Departments/Corporations/ Boards/ Authorities/ Public Sector Undertakings (PSU).	Chief Engineer Canals/Drainage
4. Any Temporary Use that involves use of department land	Private Entities, NGOs/ Registered Public Welfare Organisations, 'Other category'.	Government

- i. Project Proponents who do not fall under the aforementioned categories will be considered under the 'Other category'.
- ii. In case there are two parties for NOC for same land, the priority shall be given to Government Department. Further, in case of both the parties are private, then the principle of first come first serve shall be applicable.
- iii. If the application is deemed not to be in the public interest, lacks technical viability or is otherwise unsuitable, the same shall be cancelled or rejected after giving reasons.

9. Compliance of Technical Standards and Safety conditions:

- i. The Project Proponent shall execute the works as per the prevailing guidelines, rules, codes and specifications.
- ii. The Project Proponent shall, in the course of execution of project and maintenance thereof, ensure to adhere to all the safety Standards applicable as per relevant guidelines of the Government of India/State Government, issued from time to time.

10. Vetting of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD):

- i. The vetting of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) of Bridge cases shall be done by Chief Engineer/Design Water System WRD, Punjab.
- ii. The No Objection Certificate (NOC) granted under this policy for the bridge shall not absolve the Project Proponent from the requirement of vetting the General Arrangement Drawing (GAD)
- iii. In case the Project Proponent desired to construct the bridge himself then the cost of Bearing Capacity, cost of protection works and processing fees shall be borne by the Project

Proponent as per Government notification no. WR-IRWR03/01/2023-IW1/49 dated 28.02.2023 of "Hydraulic Vetting of General Arrangement Drawing (GAD)".

- iv. In the case of ramps, roads, and their appurtenant works, the vetting of the General Arrangement Drawing (GAD) is not required. Such works shall be strictly constructed in accordance with IRC guidelines, other applicable standard Codes of Practice, and PWD specifications etc.

11. Indemnity Bond:

The Project Proponent shall indemnify the Government against any loss of life or property in the process of execution of works or against any claims thereafter during the period of Operation & Maintenance of such infrastructure at all times. The Project Proponent shall submit the Indemnity Bond (as notified by Government) on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs. 100/- denomination, duly attested.

12. Conditions:

The permissions shall be accorded as per the conditions notified by government.

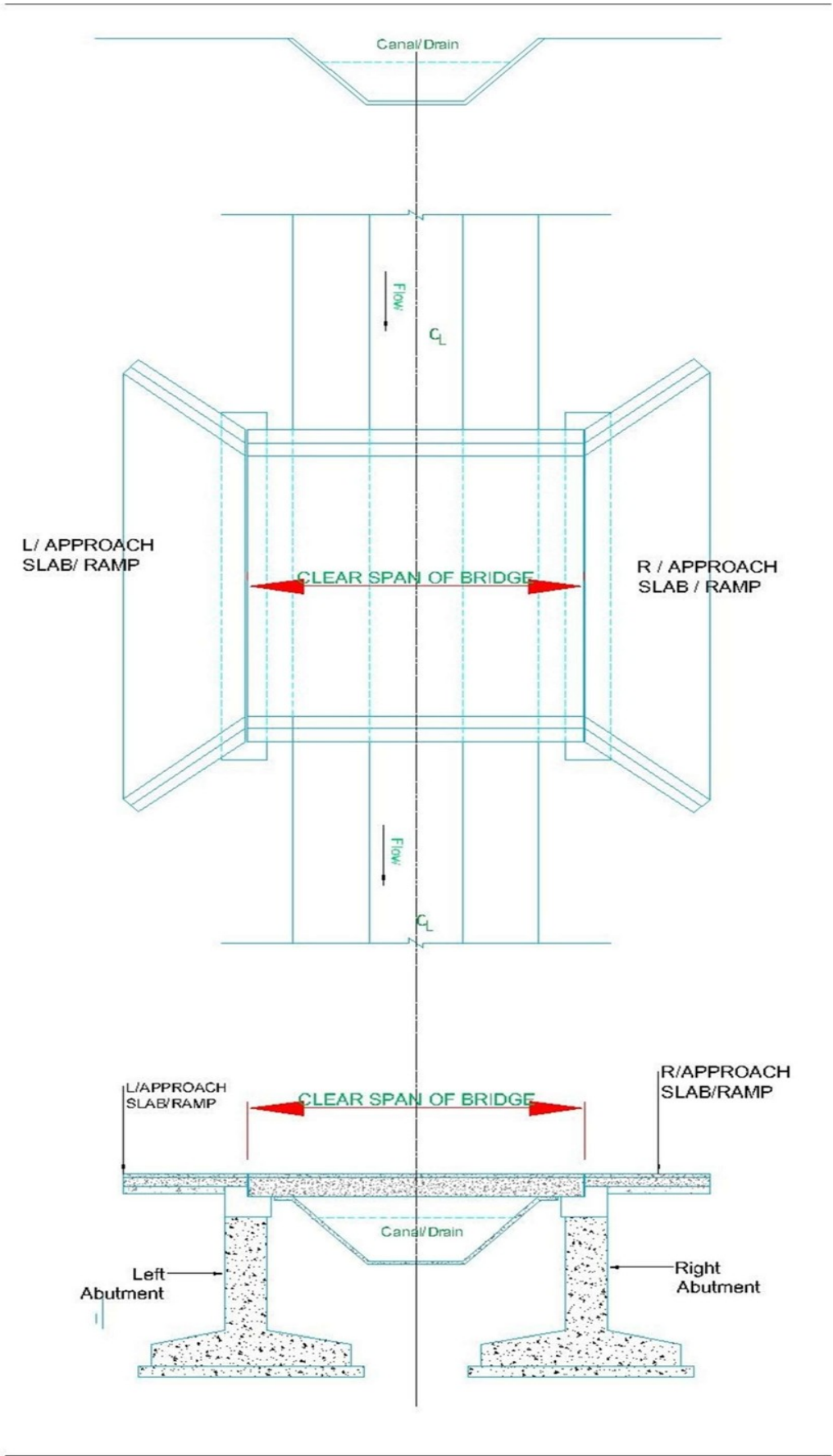
13. Amendments/Relaxation/Interpretation of provisions of the Policies:

Government shall be the final authority to amend/relax/interpret provisions under the Policy.

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Annexure-A



Annexure-B

For Calculating the Charges Of Granting NOC Temporary Use of Government Land

Scenario 1

For Case Considering Collector Rate per Acre under 25 lakhs				
	For example Road to be constructed from RD 4000 to RD 8000 (18 ft width of road)			
	4000*18	sft	72000	
		sqm	6691.45	
	Village Agricultural Collector Rate of the department land to be used (example)	per acre	₹ 13,50,000	
		per sft	30.99	
	Cost of Department Land based on Collector Rate comes out to be	Rs	₹ 22,31,405	
	Details of Charges to be collected			
1	Bank Guarantee 10% (Refundable after 1 month)	Rs	₹ 2,23,140	A
	Facilitation Charges @ 30% for central/state govt/PSUs/Board etc.	Rs	₹ 6,69,421	B
2	Compensation charges for Right of Use Use in addition to the above charges i.e.@ 200% of the facilitation charges for Private Entity	Rs	₹ 13,38,843	C
	Charges to be paid by Central/State Government Departments/Corporations/ Boards/ Authorities/ Public Sector Undertakings (PSU)	A + B	₹ 8,92,562	A Refundable
	Charges to be paid by Private Entity	A + B + C	₹ 22,31,405	A Refundable

Scenario 2

For Case Considering Collector Rate between 25 lakh to 75 lakhs				
	For example Road to be constructed from RD 4000 to RD 8000 (18 ft width of road)			
	4000*18	sft	72000	
		sqm	6691.45	
	Village Agricultural Collector Rate of the department land to be used (example)	per acre	₹ 30,00,000	
		per sft	68.87	
	Cost of Department Land based on Collector Rate	Rs	₹ 49,58,678	
	Details of Charges to be collected			
1	Bank Guarantee 10% (Refundable after 1 month)	Rs	₹ 4,95,868	A
	Facilitation Charges @ 20% for central/state govt/PSUs/Board	Rs	₹ 9,91,736	B

2	Compensation charges for Right of Use Use in addition to the above charges i.e.@ 200% of the facilitation charges for Private Entity	Rs	₹ 19,83,471	C
	Charges to be paid by Central /state Government Departments/Corporations/ Boards/ Authorities/ Public Sector Undertakings (PSU)	A + B	₹ 14,87,603	A Refundable
	Charges to be paid by Private Entity	A + B + C	₹ 34,71,074	A Refundable

Scenario 3

	For Case Considering Collector Rate above 75 lakhs			
	For Example Road to be constructed from RD 4000 to RD 8000 (18 ft width of road)			
	4000*18	sft	72000	
		sqm	6691.45	
	Village Agricultural Collector Rate of the department land to be used (example)	per acre	₹ 1,00,00,000	
		per sft	229.57	
	Cost of Department Land based on Collector Rate	Rs	₹ 1,65,28,926	
	Details of Charges to be collected			
1	Bank Guarantee 10% (Refundable after 1 month)	Rs	₹ 16,52,893	A
	Facilitation Charges @ 12.5% for central/state govt/PSUs/Board	Rs	₹ 20,66,116	B
2	Compensation charges for Right of Use in addition to the above charges i.e.@ 200% of the facilitation charges for Private Entity	Rs	₹ 41,32,231	C
	Charges to be paid by Central/state Government Departments/Corporations/ Boards/ Authorities/ Public Sector Undertakings (PSU)	A + B	₹ 37,19,008	A Refundable
	Charges to be paid by Private Entity	A + B + C	₹ 78,51,240	A Refundable